

Iron County Register

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

CHARLES H. STRATTON, known to the world as Gen. Tom Thumb, died of apoplexy on the 15th, at his residence in Middleboro, Mass.

The death of Judge T. C. Theaker, of Ohio, formerly Commissioner of patents and a member of Congress, occurred at Oakland, Md., a few days ago.

A COMMITTEE of telegraph operators called on General Eckert in New York on the 16th and presented their demand for an increase in pay and shortening of hours.

GENERAL JOHN NEWTON, President of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, has been invited to the reunion of "Parsons' Confederate cavalry brigade," at Dallas, Tex.

The cholera in Egypt was still spreading on the 15th, and there was no abatement in the death list. It was reported to have made its appearance in East London, Eng.

It was announced from Washington a few days ago that Attorney-General Brewster was about to institute suits against parties charged with election frauds in North Carolina.

The semi-centennial anniversary of the incorporation of Chicago, Ill., as a village will occur August 10. The papers have begun to agitate the question of a proper celebration of the event.

The Treasury reserve on the 12th amounted to \$132,000,000, falling about \$15,000,000 in a single day. The sudden reduction was due to the payment of nearly \$15,000,000 on account of pensions.

The directors of the Suez Canal Company approved the agreement for construction of the new canal on the 13th. It was probable the plan would be strongly opposed in the English Parliament.

In a recent decision Secretary Teller holds that a filing made before a clerk in the office of the Register of Lands, who may be acting de facto, but not de jure, has the same effect as if made before the Register, and is valid.

SURGEON GENERAL BARNES, of the Marine Hospital Service, said on the 13th that there was not a single case of yellow fever ashore in any of the Southern States, and the number of cases at the various quarantine stations would not aggregate over twenty.

The French National fete day was observed in Paris by the unveiling of a statue of the Republic. In St. Louis, Mo., there was a banquet, with fireworks, and in various other cities in this country, and in Mexico, the French residents celebrated the day with appropriate ceremonies.

A RECENT dispatch from Guyana, Mex., says Crook's campaign is unfavorably commented on there. His scouts only came to spy out the country for the purpose of seeing where they could raid without meeting troops, it is said, and it was altogether productive of more evil than good.

CHOLERA had appeared at Ghezbi, a suburb of Cairo, Egypt, on the 15th, where there had been five deaths. There were forty-three deaths from cholera at Damietta, on the 14th, fifty-one at Mansurah, seven at Shirin, twenty at Menzaleh, three at Tanka, thirteen at Chobari, and ten at Samnoud.

LATER details of the storm received on the 15th from various points indicate that the storm area covered several States, and developed mild cyclone conditions in a great number of places. An electric storm prevailed in several Eastern States on the 14th, and great damage was done by the lightning.

A STORM which struck St. Louis, Mo., on the evening of the 13th, sank a barge, beached two steamers and three barges, unroofed several railroad depots, blew down a number of houses and caused general demoralization among the numerous weak spots in the city architecture. It also caused much destruction of property in several towns in both Missouri and Illinois. Troops suffered greatly.

THERE were thirty-five deaths from cholera at Damietta, Egypt on the 15th, sixty-one at Mansurah, twenty-two at Samnoud and twenty at Menzaleh. The panic at Alexandria caused by fears that the cholera would reach there had been renewed, and people were leaving there in large numbers. There were two cases of supposed cholera at Bulak. Six deaths from cholera occurred at Wagsa.

At their State Convention at Des Moines, on the 11th, the Iowa Greenbackers passed resolutions favoring civil-service reform, a graduated income tax, a postal telegraph system, and the abolition of Railroad Commissioners. Hon. J. B. Weaver was nominated for Governor, Sanford Kilpatrick for Lieutenant-Governor, D. W. Church for Supreme Judge, and Miss Abbie O. Canfield for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The business failures throughout the United States and Canada during the seven days ended on the 13th numbered 139, as against 138 the previous week. Thirty-three of these were in Canada and the Provinces, leaving 106 as the quota of the United States. The distribution was as follows: New England, 15; Western States, 42; Middle States, 15; Southern States, 28; Pacific States and Territories, 17; New York 7, and Canada, 33.

THE St. Louis Agricultural and Mechanical Association will hold its twenty-third St. Louis Fair this year October 1 to 6, inclusive. The premium list amounts to \$50,000. Nearly seventy thousand dollars have been expended upon the grounds during the year, and many beautiful additions are noticed. The coming Fair will not only eclipse all its predecessors. The Veiled Prophets will hold their sixth annual Festival on Tuesday evening, October 2, with unequal grandeur, while on Friday evening, October 5, a Commercial Parade of every department of business carried on in the city will take place, and extend for miles. Extra low rates by railroads and steamboats have been secured.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

ELEVEN jurors had been secured for the trial of ex-Treasurer Polk, of Tennessee, on the 12th.

The Illinois State Veterinary Surgeon reports glanders prevalent in sixteen counties.

It was reported on the 12th that the United and Shoshone Indians, near the border of Wyoming and Utah, were giving the agent some trouble by refusing to stay on the reservation.

A DISPATCH from Lima, Peru, on the 12th announced the death of General Moore, American Consul at Callao. He died of yellow fever.

The anniversary of the battle of the Boyne was celebrated by Orangemen in various cities on the 12th.

The recent land scandal in this country has been seized upon by the Germans as a further pretext for excluding all American hog products.

The colored convention in session at Austin, Tex., on the 12th asked the Legislature to establish a manual training school for the colored youth.

JUDGE FIELD, who was severely stabbed in Dublin, Ireland, is still in constant receipt of threatening letters, and his family are frequently insulted.

A COURT of Foresters acting as escort at a funeral in New Haven, Conn., the other day were refused admission to the Catholic Church unless they would take off their regalia. They went home.

A RUNAWAY horse leaped into the river at Harrison street bridge, Chicago, Ill., the other evening, with a buggy containing two boys and two girls. One had been drowned.

A GREAT battle was fought the other day between the forces of Octawawa and Ohani in South Africa, the latter chief being made a prisoner.

ACCORDING to the recent report of the Illinois Board of Agriculture the crop prospect in that State is brightening rapidly.

YELLOW fever was reported had at Callao and Lima, Peru, on the 13th.

The Western Union Telegraph Company has adopted a rule that a day's work is to be nine hours' actual service, without Sunday labor, or seven hours' labor at night, Sundays included, all service in excess to be paid for as extra.

A DISPATCH from St. Petersburg, Russia, on the 13th said several Jews had been murdered in Ostrog.

The steamer Niagara, of the New York and Cuba mail line, was reported burned off the coast of Florida on the 13th. News was received on the same day that the bark Pimpas was wrecked near Fayal, and all on board, numbering about a dozen, drowned except three.

LOUIS WALES, the Indian chief, died at Lake George a few days ago, aged 100 years.

Two men were killed by an explosion at the Dupont powder-mill, at Wilmington, Del., a few days ago.

ANDREW WHITE, a wealthy farmer living near Dwight, Ill., became deranged and was placed in an asylum. He made his escape a few days ago, returned home, and, after murdering his wife and two children, killed himself.

HARRISONBURG, Va., was flooded by a freshet the other night and a part of the town badly damaged.

DIEFFUS, editor of *La France*, was wounded in a duel with Judet, of *La Lorraine*, at Paris, a few days ago.

ROSTOV, Russia, a city of 45,000 inhabitants, was visited by a terrible conflagration on the 13th, which menaced the whole city.

A TROOP of cavalry left Fort Bowie, Ariz., on the 13th, to bring in seventy-five Chinichuas who were waiting near the border to surrender.

A REFRIGERATOR-CAR containing thirty-two large carcasses of dressed beef, covered with mold, was seized by the cattle inspector at East Buffalo, N. Y., the other day, and the meats were sold to a rendering company for \$192.

By the fall of a stone weighing two tons a distance of forty feet, at Fall River, Mass., the other day, one man was killed, and another severely injured.

The boiler in a saw-mill at Millsboro, Wis., exploded with such force the other day that half of it was hurled three hundred feet, the flying mass passing just over the heads of twenty men. An employee was slightly injured. At Ludington, Mich., an explosion wrecked a shingle-mill and caused the death of one man and the wounding of several others.

The failure of J. P. Macheca & Co., fruit dealers, New Orleans, La., has been announced, with liabilities estimated at \$100,000.

A GREAT fire occurred at Liptoszentmike, Hungary, on the 15th, by which a number of persons lost their lives. Eight corpses had been taken from the ruins and twenty others, including the Prefect of Police, were missing. Many people were made homeless by the fire.

In St. Mary's Industrial School, at Baltimore, Md., there are 60 boys. Measles of a most malignant type had broken out amongst them and ten had died up to the 15th.

At Roubaix, France, there was a riot on the 15th, in which the Commissary of Police was struck with a stone. It was thought he would die. Six of the rioters were arrested. They were armed with bludgeons and revolvers.

Mrs. GEORGE LOTTA, whose home was near Van Buren, Ark., heard some gossip about her husband which troubled her so she took poison the other day and died in a few hours.

MANY arrests of army officers were being made in Spain on the 15th without the charges being made public. It was believed another conspiracy had been discovered.

RUFF McDONALD killed Elijah Hayes near Paris, Tenn., the other day, and immediately afterward fell dead "from excitement and remorse."

SEVERAL pursuers of the murderers of the Polk City (Mo.) Postmaster arrived at Des Moines the other morning, having disposed of the two men—one by shooting, the other by seeing him safely in jail at Harlan, Shelby County.

FIRE at Kokato, Minn., which was supposed to have been started by a stroke of lightning, destroyed nearly every business building in the town the other morning, three men being burned to death in a hotel. The wife of one of the victims, named Willigman, became insane from grief.

FRENCH imports for June increased 64,000,000 francs as compared with June, 1882. Exports decreased 21,000,000 francs.

THE Toronto (Can.) authorities seized 25,000 cigars the other day for infraction of the revenue laws.

FOUR warehouses, containing grain, flax and oil, were destroyed by fire at Hull, Eng., the other day, the damage being £100,000.

THE Spanish Cabinet has given favorable consideration to a project for a tunnel under the straits of Gibraltar.

The missing ledger stolen from the Tennessee Treasury, which was said to contain important evidence against M. T. Polk, the defaulting Treasurer, has been returned without mutilation of any kind.

THE steamer Bauharnois, with a pleasure party of 200, ran on a reef in the river at Montreal, Cana., a few days ago, and sank in eight feet of water. A panic seized the people, mostly women and children, but all were rescued.

THREE HUNDRED journeymen horse-shoers struck at Cleveland, O., the other day for higher wages.

BURGERS ransacked the residence of J. G. Root, at Watouatua, Wis., the other night, and got a thousand dollars' worth of property, including a gold certificate for \$500.

J. M. KER, the defaulting clerk of the banking firm of Preston, Keon & Co., Chicago, Ill., who was captured in Peru, arrived in that city a few days ago in the custody of a detective.

A BOILER explosion in the Glen Falls Papermill Company's works, at Glen Falls, N. Y., the other day, destroyed property valued at \$10,000, mortally wounded two men, and seriously injured a number of others.

The steamer Lottie E. Merrill, of Tiverton, N. J., was reported lost off George's Bank, with all on board, on the 16th.

A BARK laden with rags from Alexandria, Egypt, was quarantined at New Haven, Conn., a few days ago.

NEWBERRY, Mich., on the line of the Mackinac & Marquette Railroad, was visited by a \$150,000 fire a few days ago.

THE Texas Land Board has decided to receive applications from actual settlers, who have located lands under the old law, and from no others.

GENERAL CROOK is said to have admitted at Washington the other day that his Indian scouts proved treacherous in Mexico, and that he had to use diplomacy to get back with his hair in good order.

PENNSYLVANIA and Delaware were swept by a severe storm on the night of the 15th. Iowa had almost a tornado. Missouri and Illinois caught it on the evening of the 16th.

THE Leigh Court collection of pictures belonging to Sir Philip Niles, Leigh Court, Somersetshire, England, have been purchased by William H. Vanderbilt. The price was in the neighborhood of \$550,000.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the recent meeting of the Western Rail Association at Pittsburgh, Pa., every mail-train in the West closed down on the 16th for a period of four weeks.

It was reported on the 14th that the American Consulate at Monterey, Mex., was entered by a mob of Mexicans and the Acting Consul attacked and beaten nearly to death. The furniture and papers belonging to the Consulate were destroyed.

CHOLERA was reported on the 17th to have spread among numerous villages in Egypt not named in the official reports. At Cairo efforts were being made to isolate the cases which had occurred. At Alexandria stringent measures were enforced. At Damietta the number of deaths was rapidly decreasing.

At the election for member of Parliament for the Wexford Borough, Ireland, on the 17th, the windows of the Liberal committee were smashed and the Liberal candidate was hoisted in the streets. William Radmond, Parnellite candidate, was elected.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has appointed Isham Young, of Knoxville, Tenn., revenue agent, vice C. M. Horton, of Boston, removed.

EIGHT boilers of an anthracite furnace operated by Kaufman & Co., of Reading, Pa., exploded on the 17th. Two men were fatally injured and a number badly hurt.

The San Domingo Congress has fixed an export duty on tobacco graduated with a view to prevent exportation of immature leaf.

The President has approved the sentence of dismissal in the case of Lieut. Samuel N. Holmes of the Thirteenth Infantry, recently tried by court-martial at Ft. Bliss, Tex., for duplicating pay accounts. The official order dismissing him from the service has been issued.

THERE is to be a contest over the estate of Louis C. Hammersley, of New York, valued at \$7,000,000.

The jury for the trial of M. T. Polk, Tennessee's defaulting Treasurer, was sworn in at Nashville on the 17th, and the trial was commenced.

A LARGE tank at the California Powder-mill, near Cleveland, O., exploded the other afternoon with terrific force. One man was hurt and windows were shattered for miles around.

A FREIGHT was wrecked on the Reading Railroad, near Shamokin, Pa., the other day, killing a passenger.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The State Board of Health. The State Board of Health met at Jefferson City a few days ago and effected a permanent organization by the election of the following officers: President, Dr. E. H. Gregory, of St. Louis; Vice-President, Dr. G. M. Cox, of Springfield; Secretary, Dr. J. C. Hearne, of Hannibal.

The following resolutions were adopted. Resolved, That this board recommend to all cities having municipal organizations the formation of local boards of health, to be composed of not less than five persons, two of whom shall be reputable physicians, and also to the County Courts of the different counties the formation of County Boards of Health, to be composed of a like number, and report the organization of such boards and the names of such to the Secretary of the State Board prior to their regular January meeting, which will be held in Jefferson City, January 8, 1883.

Resolved, That this Board will not recognize diplomas from any school that does not require two full courses of lectures of not less than twenty weeks per session, with six months intervening between sessions, and that is not in good standing in the particular school of medicine which it teaches.

Resolved, That for the purpose of examination of diplomas and applicants for the practice of medicine who are not graduates, this Board will meet in St. Louis, August 1, 1883; Hannibal, September 3, 1883; Kansas City, September 5, 1883; Springfield, September 7, 1883.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare suitable rules for the government of this board.

After some further routine work the Board adjourned to meet in St. Louis August 1.

Miscellaneous Items. There is to be a reunion of the surviving participants in the battle of Wilson's Creek, or Oak Hills, at and near Springfield, August 8, 9 and 10.

Walter J. Randolph has been commissioned Postmaster at Eminence, Shannon County, and James Geese Postmaster at Oak Dale, Shelby County.

At St. Joseph Wheeler, Britain was the other day sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary for burglary and larceny. In company with another young man he entered a boarding-house, about two years ago, and stole a number of watches and some money from the guests. He was arrested and afterward escaped from custody.

Detective Finley shadowed him through several Western States and captured him a few days ago in Ohio.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard, of Kansas City, aged eight months, had a remarkable fall recently from the second-story window of their residence. The distance was about twenty feet, and yet, strange to say, the child escaped with no further injury than a few bruises about the arms and face.

There was a lively bonfire in the St. Joseph Register's office a short time ago, when a little over \$1,000 worth of mutilated city scrip went up in smoke and flame. The bills, mostly ones and twos, were no longer fit for circulation, and after being canceled the numbers were taken to guard against the possibility of duplicates being issued, and then the whole roll consigned to the flames.

William H. Heath, who was at one time County Auditor of St. Louis County, and was found short in his accounts and sentenced to the Penitentiary, where he remained several years, has recently remarried his former wife, who had obtained a divorce from him during his incarceration.

The State Dental Association closed a four-day session at Sweet Springs a few days ago. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, D. J. McMillen, Brunswick; First Vice-President, A. J. Prosser, St. Louis; Second Vice-President, W. N. Conrad, St. Louis; Recording Secretary, G. L. Shepard, Sedalia; Corresponding Secretary, W. H. Eames, St. Louis; Treasurer, J. A. Price, Weston.

Executive Committee—Doctors Trimball, Shattuck and Prevost, all of Kansas City. The next meeting will be held at Sweet Springs, the second Tuesday in July, 1883.

An accident occurred at Sedalia the other day which resulted in the death of George A. Ames, foreman of a gang at the stock yards in that city, and a very worthy young man. Ames was sitting on the rear end of the hindmost car of a freight train. The train started suddenly, and he was thrown off and struck with the back of his head on a bar that stood near and was killed instantly.

George Grant, the colored man convicted of the murder of Oliver Pat Jones, at Kansas City, was the other day sentenced to death, and the day of execution was set for Friday, November 23, 1882.

Jones was killed on the 31 day of April, 1882, a few hours after the killing of Jesse James by Robert Ford, and when the city was wild with excitement. After the death of Jones an infuriated mob lynched a poor negro named Harrington, supposing him to be the slayer of Jones, while Grant for the time being escaped.

Mrs. J. P. Jacobs, a widow, aged twenty-eight, committed suicide by hanging at Kansas City a few days ago. She left letters to all her friends telling them that she had committed the deed so that she might be with her husband, if there is a hereafter, and if not, so that she might at least lie by his side in the grave. Most careful directions as to the disposition of her remains and effects were given, and she wanted her two-year-old girl left with somebody not a "disgraced orthodox church member or rich person."

She also desired that her daughter should not be taught that Jesus was her saviour or the Bible a great truth until such a time as she might be capable of judging the matter for herself. In the letters were accounts of two previous and unsuccessful attempts upon her life—the first by taking two ounces of laudanum, and the second by taking an ounce of chloroform internally, and saturating a handkerchief with another ounce. Her husband had been dead a little more than a year.

It is said the Kansas City Saloon-keepers' Association has decided to comply with the Sunday closing provision of the Downing law, but will endeavor to see that the general Sunday law is enforced too.

Albina is no longer a post-office.

An old farmer residing in Buchanan County, a few miles from St. Joseph, recently plowed up an old coin minted in New Orleans in 1748. On the coin are the following words, or letters: "V. T. R. A.—Q. U. B.—V. U. M." and the figures 1748.

The State Fund Commissioners have issued a certificate of indebtedness in favor of the State University for the sum of \$242,000, being the amount derived from the sale of agricultural college lands. The certificate runs for twenty years, and bears five per cent. interest, payable semi-annually.

Ir. Poplar Bluff school district there are 745 children of school age.

WARNING ELEMENTS.

Another Destructive Storm Sweeps Over the Country, Laying Waste Property in Several States.

In Missouri. St. Louis, July 14.

At a little before six o'clock last night a wind and rain-storm began sweeping over St. Louis, and a little later had increased in force to something like a tornado. The wind blew at a velocity of fifty miles an hour, and did more or less damage in almost every part of the city. The storm came at first from the north, but a little later, changed its direction, coming apparently from the northwest. The storm had been anticipated at the Signal Service Office, not only from a sudden fall in the barometer, but from reports received of its approach; its fury was much greater than anticipated. The wind and rain, lashed by two steamers and three barges, unroofed several railroad depots, blew down a number of houses and caused general demoralization among the numerous weak spots in the city architecture.

AT HANNIBAL. A wind storm struck Ashburn at five p. m. last evening, demolishing the station and store-house. Nine persons therein taking refuge from the storm were injured. Probably all will recover. A special train from this city bearing Drs. Shields and Lamb went to the scene and rendered medical aid. Dr. Craven was carried to a hospital by the wind, but was not hurt. The old mill was blown down here and great damage was done to crops.

AT CARHAGE. A terrific thunder storm burst on this city at two o'clock this morning. Before nine o'clock six inches of water fell. Never before within the memory of the oldest settler has such a heavy rain been known. All the valleys and lower places were flooded, and in one or two instances families had to leave their homes and take refuge in the hotels. The large residence of E. M. McDonald was struck by lightning, which tore several holes in the roof and other parts of the building; one bolt came down the chimney, passed out of a stove-pipe hole into the chamber where Mr. McDonald and wife were sleeping, ran into a closet, and went out through the side of the building.

AT JOPLIN. Last night the heaviest rain since the year 1857 fell here, doing great damage to private and business property. In the south part of the city Willow Branch runs through, and during the night it was swollen to a large, turbid stream, rising into the houses along its banks driving families from their homes. On Main street the water reached over the floor in the business houses built near the stream. The damage done was estimated at several thousand dollars. The new bridge spanning Joplin Creek between East and West Joplin, which was nearly completed is badly damaged, necessitating heavy repairs. The damage to the houses in this vicinity by the flood can hardly be estimated.

At Linneus the storm was more destructive to stock and property than was at first supposed, although no loss of human life was reported. The storm swept entirely over the county except a small strip on the west side. The oat crop is nearly ruined, corn the same, and about one-fourth of the fruit trees blown out by the roots, while the destruction of shade trees is incalculable. The track of the storm was at least thirty-five miles wide.

In the vicinity of Maryville the damage to buildings will reach \$150,000. The damage to growing crops not to be estimated. Imagine a strip of country five to six miles wide through the heart of the county, the most totally devastated, and you can form some idea of the destruction. Burlington Junction suffered the worst of any town in the county. The destruction there is terrible. The little town of Dawson was almost swept out of existence.

At Bethany a great many tall buildings were injured, and chimneys of a number of houses, including the Court-house, were blown off. All the shade trees in the city were damaged. No lives were lost so far as heard from.

At Calloun a circus was completely wrecked, and many of the animals escaped, and bears and monkeys mixed with the excited mass and made the scene more exciting.

At Summer several buildings were moved from their foundations by the force of the gale, and window glass in the post-office building was shattered. The damage will reach fully \$5,000.

At Brookfield several houses were unroofed, trees leveled and crops badly injured. It is feared there is much destruction northeast of here.

At Kansas City many cellars were flooded and several houses struck by lightning. The damage was estimated at \$5,000.

At St. Joseph the tornado left the town looking like a relic of war times. A large number of houses were destroyed or damaged, and several persons were injured.

At St. Charles the Normal School, the Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian and Christian Churches were all damaged, besides other buildings.

At New Hampton fourteen houses were blown down.

Advices from many points indicate that the storm was general throughout the State, though the destruction was not so great as in Missouri, being principally confined to the country, where the destruction to crops was great in many localities. Houses were blown down in some localities.

KANSAS. ATCHISON, July 14. The ravages of yesterday's storm are just coming in as communication is being restored. It was more terrible than at first reported, and more than expected from the demonstration made here. There is not a forest nor orchard in the northern portion of the State of Kansas and southern tier of counties in Nebraska that has not felt its effects. The largest forest trees are cut off as with an ax. Grain stacks are leveled and blown away, entailing a severe loss upon farmers. In Doniphan county unroofed barns and school houses and demolished a number of residences, while fences and corn-cribs with trees went down like chaff.

The Missouri River was a terrible scene, as the water was lashed in a furious manner, waves being thrown hundreds of feet inland. Upwards of 400,000 feet of logs owned by W. Ketchum were lost. The rafts becoming freed by the wind went down the river and are a total loss. The estimated amount of damage in this section can not fall short of \$22,000.

INDIANA. VINCENNES, Ind., July 14. The ravages of last night's wind and rain storm have proved quite disastrous to this country, especially to farm property. Many fields of corn that would have brought seventy-five bushels to the acre are totally ruined, and will not yield five. Many barns and out-houses in this county were wrecked, shocks of wheat scattered in every direction, hay racks blown away, and animals killed, such as cattle, horses, hogs, sheep, etc. As yet no fatalities are reported. In this county thousands of rods of fencing was blown down, and a small sum will repair the damage. The rain was very heavy.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

A Conference Held at St. Louis, Mo., to Discuss the Subject—The Resolutions Adopted.

St. Louis, Mo., July 11.

The Executive Committee of the committees appointed by the exchange of commercial associations of the Mississippi Valley to promote the improvement of the Western waterways, met yesterday morning at eleven o'clock, in the reading-room of the Southern Hotel. The committee is composed of one member from each of the commercial bodies in the Mississippi River States. President Ewald, of the Merchants' Exchange, called the meeting to order and welcomed the delegates to the city. He said he was pleased at the alacrity of the response to the call for a meeting. The cause was not a local one, but national, and needed only to be before the people of the country to prompt their attention and to force through them a recognition of it by the National Legislature.

The meeting then addressed itself to the business of permanent organization. Mr. D. B. Wood, of New Orleans, was elected permanent Chairman. Mr. George L. Wright was made Secretary, and the following gentlemen were elected Vice-Presidents: Messrs. W. F. Phelps, of Winona, Minn.; H. G. McKee, of Alton, Ill.; C. N. Clark, of Hannibal, Mo.; P. W. Crawford, of Dubuque, Ia.; A. H. Woolfolk, of Kentucky; J. F. Brown, of Mississippi; John G. Adams, of Arkansas; R. C. Gray, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ben Eckerson, of Cincinnati, O.; O. W. Oliver, of Wichita, Kan.; Thomas W. Halliday, of Cairo, Ill.; John J. Park, of Duport, Ia.; Wm. Seelye, of St. Paul, Minn.; H. H. Buffs, Ia.; Governor E. O. Starnard, of St. Louis, Mo.; John McClure, of Wheeling, W. Va.; and Capt. John Gilbert, Evansville, Ind.

Committees on Resolutions and Order of Business were then appointed, and the Convention took a recess until three p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The committee met at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. W. F. Phelps, of Winona, from the Committee on Order of Business, reported as follows:

Your committee beg leave to report, recommending: 1. That a permanent organization be effected. 2. That the headquarters of this organization be at St. Louis or such other place as this meeting may determine. 3. That all local permanent committees be considered as branches of this central organization and report to it such matters as may be of use in promoting the work before us. 4. That the membership of the central organization consist of one delegate from each of the permanent committees, who are to be appointed to draft rules for the government of the said central organization, and that they provide therein for the raising of such funds as may be required. 5. That a Convention be held at such time and place as this central committee may decide; and that every member of this local permanent committee be called as delegates to said Convention.

Mr. Wright then read the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that a River Convention be held in the Mississippi Valley, the place to be determined hereafter, not later than the 10th of November, 1883.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the commercial bodies of the cities and towns, of the farmers and laborers in each Congressional District in the Mississippi Valley, to elect delegates to the River Convention, and that they provide therein for the raising of such funds as may be required. 6. That a Convention be held at such time and place as this central committee may decide; and that every member of this local permanent committee be called as delegates to said Convention.

Resolved, That a sub-committee be chosen by this meeting to fix the time and place for calling the River Convention, and that this committee prepare in due form the call for said convention.

Resolved, That the season of time has but rendered more valuable and necessary to the public good the proceedings of the Mississippi River Improvement Convention held in St. Louis October 26, 27 and 28, 1881, and we commend its action to the public mind.

Some discussion occurred upon the reports of the